

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11 and 12 are pending. Claim 11 has been withdrawn from consideration as drawn to non-elected subject matter, so that the claims under consideration are claims 2-9 and 12. Applicants respectfully request that upon allowance of claims drawn to elected subject-matter, the non-elected claim be rejoined.

Claims 2-9 and 12 stand rejected for obviousness type double-patenting over claims 1-20 of co-pending application serial number 09/844,083. It is believed that this rejection is overcome by the accompanying terminal disclaimer. The rejection should accordingly now be withdrawn.

In view of the accompanying terminal disclaimer and remarks, it is believed that claims 2-9, 11 and 12 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and the allowance thereof is respectfully solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Appellants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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Respectfully submitted,

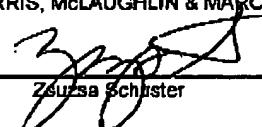
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